

House Study Bill 720 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REVIEW
COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to para-educators holding substitute
2 authorizations and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. PARA-EDUCATORS HOLDING SUBSTITUTE AUTHORIZATIONS
2 — 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

3 1. For the school year beginning July 1, 2021, a
4 para-educator certified under section 272.12 with a substitute
5 authorization may substitute in any classroom in grades
6 pre-kindergarten through twelve, except a driver's education
7 classroom.

8 2. A school district shall make a good-faith effort to
9 employ a substitute teacher who is not a para-educator before
10 employing a para-educator for a position pursuant to subsection
11 1. A school district employing a para-educator as a substitute
12 pursuant to subsection 1 shall compensate the person at the
13 same rate as would be provided to a substitute teacher who is
14 not a para-educator for the same work.

15 3. The board of educational examiners may adopt emergency
16 rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, and section 17A.5,
17 subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the provisions of
18 this section and the rules shall be effective immediately upon
19 filing unless a later date is specified in the rules. Any
20 rules adopted in accordance with this section shall also be
21 published as a notice of intended action as provided in section
22 17A.4.

23 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
24 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill provides that for the school year beginning July 1,
29 2021, a certified para-educator with a substitute authorization
30 may substitute in any classroom in grades pre-kindergarten
31 through 12, except a driver's education classroom.

32 The bill requires a school district to make a good-faith
33 effort to employ a substitute teacher who is not a
34 para-educator before employing a para-educator for a position
35 pursuant to the bill. The bill requires a school district

1 employing a para-educator as a substitute pursuant to the bill
2 to compensate the person at the same rate as would be provided
3 to a substitute teacher who is not a para-educator for the same
4 work.

5 The bill authorizes the board of educational examiners to
6 adopt emergency rules to implement the bill. The bill takes
7 effect upon enactment.